

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

Disclosed is a rack for supporting a vehicle, such as a motorcycle, during shipping. In one embodiment, the rack includes selectively actuated support assemblies, each having a rotatably mounted wheel. In the actuated position, the wheels facilitate movement of the rack and vehicle together. In this and possibly another embodiment, the rack includes a protective assembly having an upstanding guard mounted on opposed sides of a base in the form of a generally rectangular frame. Each protective assembly with the upstanding guard may move between a first, retracted position adjacent to the corresponding side of the frame and a second, extended position farther away from that side of the frame. The guard is also collapsible, including when the protective assembly is in the retracted position, to provide the rack with a low profile when not in use. Related methods are also disclosed, including a method of retrofitting an existing shipping rack to include the disclosed protective and support assemblies.